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# Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear

Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators | Surveyors/Auditors/Verifiers | Service Suppliers

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This circular is issued with the purpose to inform the requirements to apply for permanent authorization by Panama Maritime Authority and make available the list of its authorized services providers.

To remind that authorized service providers must ensure that their personnel performing this work shall be certified in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.402. (96), for each make and type of the equipment to be worked on. Therefore, makes and types of equipment, activities and the expiry date must be clearly written on the certificate issued to each of these personnel.

As well as to remind Companies (as defined in SOLAS regulation IX/1.2.) to ensure that maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair on board its ships is conducted in accordance with these Requirements and SOLAS regulation III/20. The Company shall establish and implement health, safety and environment (HSE) procedures covering all activities set out in these Requirements.

[List of Service providers](#)

The Panamanian Authority through MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-258 issues a list of current authorized service providers to perform work on Panama flag vessels. This list is reviewed monthly by reviewing MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC 258. To view the list click [here](#).

### Act now

Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators should take into consideration above notice and give due meaning to the revised list.